

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S405–S484*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 256–276, and S. Res. 23–26. **Pages S445–46**

**Measures Passed:**

**University of Florida Football Team Champions:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 25, congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship. **Pages S474–75**

**Appalachian State Football Team Champions:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 26, commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship. **Page S475**

**ETHICS BILL:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S415–41**

Adopted:

Feinstein/Bennett Modified Amendment No. 38 (to Amendment No. 3), to permit attendance of meetings with bona fide constituents. **Pages S437–38, S440–41**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S415**

Reid Amendment No. 4 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the gift and travel bans. **Page S415**

DeMint Amendment No. 11 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the earmark reform. (By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S415–16, S425–29, S435–37**

DeMint Amendment No. 12 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify that earmarks added to a conference report that are not considered by the Senate or the House of Representatives are out of scope. **Page S415**

DeMint Amendment No. 14 (to Amendment No. 3), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Page S415**

Vitter/Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 9 (to Amendment No. 3), to place certain restrictions on the ability of the spouses of Members of Congress to lobby Congress. **Page S433**

Vitter Amendment No. 10 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements. **Page S415**

Leahy/Pryor Amendment No. 2 (to Amendment No. 3), to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption. **Page S415**

Gregg Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a legislative line item veto. **Page S415**

Ensign Amendment No. 24 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide for better transparency and enhanced Congressional oversight of spending by clarifying the treatment of matter not committed to the conferees by either House. **Page S418**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 25 (to Amendment No. 3), to ensure full funding for the Department of Defense within the regular appropriations process, to limit the reliance of the Department of Defense on supplemental appropriations bills, and to improve the integrity of the Congressional budget process. **Pages S418, S432–33**

Cornyn Amendment No. 26 (to Amendment No. 3), to require full separate disclosure of any earmarks in any bill, joint resolution, report, conference report or statement of managers. **Pages S418, S419–25**

Cornyn Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter. **Pages S418–19**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 19 (to Amendment No. 4), to include a reporting requirement. **Page S430**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Pages S430–31**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 29, to provide congressional transparency. **Pages S431–32**

Lieberman Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Page S433**

Bennett/McConnell Amendment No. 20 (to Amendment No. 3), to strike a provision relating to paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying.

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Thune Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 3), to require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy.

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Stevens Amendment No. 40 (to Amendment No. 4), to permit a limited flight exception for necessary State travel.

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Feinstein/Rockefeller Amendment No. 42 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report accompanying a measure unless the measure includes a general program description, funding level, and the name of the sponsor of that earmark.

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During consideration of this measure today, the following action, also occurred:

By 25 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 6), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 pursuant to section 904(c)(1) of that Act, with respect to DeMint Amendment No. 13 (to Amendment No. 3), to prevent government shutdowns. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 7), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 12, 2007, Senate continue consideration of the bill, and begin en bloc consideration of Kerry Amendment No. 1 and Vitter Amendment No. 10 (see listed above); that the time until 9:50 a.m. run concurrently on both amendments, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that at 9:50 a.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Amendment No. 1, to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, Amendment No. 10; that no amendments be in order to either amendment, and that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the votes; provided further, that when Kerry Amendment No. 1 is reported, it then be modified with the changes at the desk.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

John Roberts Hackman, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Quorum Calls:** One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2)

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—7)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 12, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S475.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term budget outlook and the challenges it presents, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an overview and economic perspectives for the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, focusing on prescription drug pricing and negotiation by governments and other countries, by U.S. private payers, such as employer-based health plans, and by Federal programs other than Medicare Part D, after receiving testimony from John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Gerard F.